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**James Monroe to Thomas Jefferson, October 31,
1824, from Thomas Jefferson and James Monroe
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James Monroe to Thomas Jefferson

Highland Oct. 31. 1824

Dear Sir

Finding that Genl. LaFayette will not arrive till Thursday, and that the Dinner will not be given on that day, and may be deferred some days longer, I regret that it will be utterly out of my power, to remain in the county, to unite with you & other friends in those demonstrations of regard for him to which he is so justly entitled, & we all so sincerely feel. I have resolved therefore to set out on my return to the city, early in the morning, wishing you to be so kind as to make the necessary explanations to him of the cause, in aid of those which are hastily suggested in the enclosed letter, which you will be so good as to deliver to him, on his arrival at your house. The meeting of Congress is so near at hand, that I have not a moment to lose, in making the preparations which will be necessary, for my communications to that body. The collection & arrangements of the documents will require time, as will the digest of the subject matter to be communicated. I shall be heartily rejoiced when the term of my service expires, & I may return home in peace

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with my family, on whom, and especially on Mrs. Monroe the burdens & cares of my long public service have borne too heavily. With great respect & sincere regard I am dear sir yr friend James Monroe

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